

## **East Tilbury, West Tilbury and Linford Forum**

**Linford Methodist Church 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019 7pm for 7.30pm start**

**Present:** John Purkiss – Chair, Dave Bowling – Vice Chair, Cllr Frazer Massey – Treas, Cris Bowling-cook – Sec, Valerie Adams, Rose Phillips, Kim Towlson – TAF Chair, Andrew Troup – Thurrock Power, Kirsty Cassie – Thurrock Power, Iris Crane, Gordon Stevens, Bob Quick, Catherine Worbey, Leslely Keefe, Daphne Harvey.

**Apologies :** Mike Tarbard, Cllr Sue Sammons, Jimmy Allen

### **Presentation from Andrew Troup Director – Thurrock Power (Statera Energy)**

The Forum received a very interesting and informative talk from Andrew Troup who is the director of Statera Energy and will be responsible for Thurrock Power when it is built. All Statera Energy plants are named after the areas in which they are built. Mr Troup apologized for not informing us last year but due to developments within the planning of and the continually changing of the engines to be used in this development (changes in technology) the company had stood still whilst these issues were sorted. The plant if they get DCO approval will be using up to date technology and the engines will be able to Stop and Start faster than the RWE plant. Sound proofing is important as and these issue are being looked into by the company as they are very aware of the impact on the communities around there plants. The site is north of the current sub- station on the marshes, south side of the railway on Walton Common. As this will be a large site in regard to its output to the south east, everything has to be considered and by this, it means cost of power it produces and cost of the build and making sure that everything is right. The DCO will be submitted by the end of January. The workforce required would be 30 people, 6 per shift for operation and maintenance. Mr Troup said that if anyone had any queries regarding this plant to call them and they would answer any questions.(02071860581)

Mr Troup was thanked by the Forum for a very interesting and informative talk.

### **Gobions Park**

Hopefully the Skate Park will be started before Christmas and has been designed so that in future years it can if required be extended and is made from polish concrete, so hopefully will not be vandalised. The Rowing Machine, Sit Up machine and Multi Machine brought by Walshes will also be going into the park by various pieces of equipment already there to allow parents to take full advantage whilst watching their children play. Cllr Massey is to contact David Sharman of the Fields in Trust with regard to protecting the Park for Perpetuity with a legal covenant and it is also aware that CCTV should be installed at the park to stop vandals who are at present setting things on fire.

### **Buckingham hill Road Traffic Lights**

BT have accepted that it is their responsibility for the delay in the operation of the lights and it is hoped that they will be operational by the end of the month, but BT will still have to come and carry out the works required at a later date. The point was raised that the white lines need redoing due to the heavy traffic using this road and why do we not have the Cats eyes anymore as these are

extremely useful as the road is so dark and unlit. The problem of weight limits not being adhered to on our back roads was put to the Council by Cllr Massey and the Council said it was a Police issue, which we know it is not and it is an Enforcement Issue and that Thurrock Council now have 4 such officers who if put to work in the correct way would pay their own wages, but they had turned up at the Primary School twice and 4 people had been ticketed. The fly tip that happened at Coppersure had information in it which the Enforcers were able to use as evidence.

### **Lower Thames Crossing Taskforce**

This month's meeting was a Liaison Procedure to inform Thurrock Council and to show the Cordoned Model only with the Council the rest of the Taskforce were not allowed to be involved. The Health Impact Statement will not be shared until the DCO. Particular Matter PM5 is more challenging PM2-5 and the whole route proposed doesn't meet above PM2-5. The DCO is expected to go in 2021 and works to start 2021, there was talk of cut and cover and Gerrard Rice – Highways England is to be invited to explain this. Also talk of a Viaduct as part of the LTC but as yet not firm information is coming forward.

### **Seawall Defence**

**FP146** this is the footpath between the two forts and forms part of the seawall, which has not been maintained in the last 30 years but due to the high tide had lifted the pathway up making it unsafe, a Farmer Mots land is on the other side. The last time East Tilbury was flooded was in 1953. A meeting was held between Environmental and Thurrock Council both claimed it wasn't there the footpath was shored up with big sandbags. Frazer has been onto Essex Flood Defence and Cllr Gary Collins TBC and a meeting is to be held to sort the situation, as a government grant has to be applied for. The actual closure of 146 notice is dated incorrectly and must be reinstated to make it valid, also the description of location refers to the water tower at coalhouse fort, it is actually the radar tower on the shoreline

### **A.O.B**

Daphne Harvey brought to the attention of the Forum that the Defibulator in the Library needs new batteries, John Purkiss said that this will be brought up at the meeting with Bata Heritage who have monies they want to use in the community.

Cllr Frazer Massey spoke about the Nursery that a planning application had gone in for, and due to the people of the area objecting to the planning it was refused and Frazer said that he was impressed by the number of people who had turned out in council and objected online to this Nursery as it did not suit the area.

### **Neighbourhood Plan**

Kim and Dave are still trying to get this started but the 15 Forums need to be put into 5 groups of 3 and this is not proving easy. We are waiting on the renewal of Stanford forum which along with Corringham will be aligned with us in a registered community forum application which will improve

our say on how money collected by T.B.C. under the new community infrastructure levy act is utilised.

Kim Towlson brought up about planning in Hordon and it was agreed that all Forums must work together to show Thurrock a united front when it comes to Thurrock Planning who allow building companies to build and do not monitor the agreements made and do not enforce as they should. It was mentioned that Tillingham hall could raise its head again even though all this land is Green Belt.